renewal news



(Bulletin for Statehouse, Capitol Mall Employees November 19, 2001)

Department of Administration Construction Update No. 15

Don't Miss the Moving Scaffolding

Next week the workers will move a section of the scaffolding from the South side to the North side.

Jan Frew reports that workers will continue to spot clean the exterior stonework, so tenants of the Statehouse may occasionally notice a whiff of chemicals. Let Facilities know (332-1933) if you notice a chemical odor.

Architects will be working through Facilities Services to access parts of the Capitol as they need to measure and investigate during the remodeling process. If you are a State Capitol tenant, you may be getting a call from Facilities Services to set up an appointment for the architects to access your work area. We appreciate your understanding and will try to work around your schedule to disrupt you as little as possible.

Jan Frew tells us that it appears the last pour of the concrete on the corner section of the East steps will have to be torn out and re-poured since this portion of the steps didn't meet standards.

Over the past several weeks, as part of the exterior masonry repair, deteriorated mortar joints have been identified and removed. In addition, those stones needing repair or replacement are also being identified and measured so the dutchman stone facades, as featured in photo above, can be manufactured.





When A Stone Needs a 'Face Lift' — The Doctor Calls For A Dutchman ...

A carved dutchman, the lighter colored stone work in the center of the picture, is simply a piece of stone that is applied as a "patch" to the face of an existing stone. The stone can be a "carved dutchman" with rounded edges or an "ornamental dutchman" with decorative elements. The existing stone is removed and the dutchman is applied with epoxy mortar and/or pins (little steel rods). A carved dutchman is used as a patch, just as its namesake, the famous little Dutch boy in Holland, put his finger in the dyke and plugged it, saving the country. Dutchmen are used very sparingly in the Capitol – it is only when stones are chipped or fractured that the stone masons need to add them.

Please note: The intent of *renewal news* is to provide readers the most current and complete information as possible regarding construction activities during the Capitol Restoration project. However, construction schedules are always subject to change, based upon weather conditions, transport and acquisition of support equipment and personnel, or other unforeseen circumstances. Inquiries, comments on the Restoration effort can be sent to **Diane Blume at:**dblume@adm.state.id.us See *renewal news* online at:
http://www.idahocapitolcommission.org/whatsnew.html
If you have questions about this newsletter, contact **Carole Schroeder** at 332-1802 or cschroed@adm.state.id.us

Photo at Left: Worker adjusts end sections of wooden forms in preparation of pouring of new concrete into the corner sections of the East Steps.